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Statement from Sen. Hardiman regarding governor's veto of welfare reform

LANSING — Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood, today issued the following statement regarding the governor's veto of welfare legislation.

"It's disappointing to see the governor veto legislation that would strengthen Michigan's welfare programs, especially given her varying and vague positions on key parts of the proposal. These reforms would have helped break the cycle of dependency by focusing more on job training and educational opportunities.

"Our legislation would have targeted assistance to those remaining on welfare. I hope an agreement can be work out next year."

Hardiman served a co-chairman of a bipartisan, bicameral work group that examined changes to Michigan's welfare laws. He also serves as chairman of the Senate Families and Human Services Committee.

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